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Propose Hwy. Change

A plan to eliminate the curves on No. 18 highway from Windsor to LaSalle has been submitted to the Department of Highways. The plan calls for the highway to be re-routed so as to continue straight on from McKee's point, through the site of the old Ojibway steel plant, to the right-angled corner at the LaSalle boundary. (Dead man's corner.)

This would allow straight approach to the Turkey Creek bridge from the south. The Town of Ojibway has agreed to donate the land required for the highway.

Reeve Opposes Radar

Sandwich West Reeve, Lawrence Brunet, opposed the purchase of radar equipment for the Township Police Department. Answering the letter from the Sandwich West Safety Association Mr. Brunet stated that a radar speed trap to control traffic is similar to leaving open the door of the bank and vault hoping that someone might rob the bank so the police can make an arrest.

The Police Department set up a radar speed trap on Malden Rd. with borrowed equipment some weeks ago, and on the basis of the results asked council to purchase the equipment.

Councilman Roy Moore defended the radar speed trap saying that a reduction in the speed of traffic would result. Mr. Brunet countered by saying, "You can get the same effect by having just one police car in view. The speed trap requires two men and two cars plus the equipment."

The Reeve felt that radar would be justified on an extremely dangerous street if signs were posted warning the public of the radar. "We want to reduce the speed of traffic, not arrest people," he said.

Councilman Lorne Fitch pointed out that the matter should be placed before the police commission for disposition. The Reeve is a member of the Commission.

Record Hop Planned For March 2nd.

A Record Hop will be held for LaSalle teen-agers on March 2nd, at the Immaculata gym.

All those from grades 9 and 10 up or 15 years of age or over are cordially invited to attend.

Youth Centre to hold Elections

At the General Meeting to be held at the Sunnyside Hotel on Tuesday, February 26th at 9 p.m. the Youth Centre will hold election of officers and the 50-50 Draw.

The public is cordially invited to attend — we would like anyone interested in the Centre to be present and express their views.

There will also be a complete financial report given at the meeting.

Your presence will be appreciated.

Seek No Increase? Council Glad to Talk

A letter was read to council from the Union representing the township employees, asking that the council set a time to begin negotiations for a new contract. Reeve Lawrence Brunet quickly answered "Write a letter telling them that if they have no intentions or asking for a salary increase we will be happy to meet with them. If they want more money ask them to submit their requests in writing."

Council quickly adopted the suggestion.

New Trucks for Water Dept.

The Sandwich West Council last Tuesday evening approved the purchase of 2 Chevrolet pick-up trucks. The trucks are equipped with automatic transmission and driven by a six cylinder engine. Delivery is expected within 2 weeks and will bring the number of trucks in the water department to 7.

Set Date For P.T.A. Meeting

On Monday, February 26th, at 8 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Sacred Heart and Immaculata P.T.A. in the church hall.

Guest speaker will be Separate school inspector, Mr. J. F. Johnson.

The main topic was postponed last month due to the gym opening. All members are cordially invited to attend.

School Board Meeting Lively

Local residents participated in one of the most enthusiastic gatherings since the town amalgamation issue when the Separate School Board and supporters gathered at a special meeting last Monday night at Immaculata School.

The issue under fire was the site of the new school — a vote to be taken on the abandonment of the old Sacred Heart School and the selection of a new site as recommended by the School Board.

However, the meeting took on the aspects of a three ring circus after the subject of a school bus also came into the discussion.

A delegation from one end of LaSalle were most enthusiastic about a school bus, another group from the central area were interested upon the new school site at Immaculata school. A delegation from the other end of town were in defense of their own interests — a school bus.

One woman in attendance, most hopeful for the bus, explained her children were forced to walk over 2 miles to school — and as her husband was unemployed — it was impossible for her to provide the warm clothing necessary for the long hike.

There are at present over 40 children who live over 2 miles from school — the distance necessary to obtain a grant for the school bus. In addition to this there are approximately another 200 over 1 mile away.

One man present stated his grandfather had walked to school, he had walked to school — and now it was about time that a school was built in his area, and let the children walk to school from the other part of town for a change.

It was pointed out by the board that if the new school was built centrally the board would be under no obligation to provide a school bus which would leave some 6-year olds a distance of 2 miles or more to walk.

It was shown that other school areas with children outside the 2 mile area, had provided buses for their transportation.

Mr. Runstelder pointed out however, that the purpose of the meeting was to vote on the site of the new school, not the bus and the same issue was left hanging.

It was illustrated by the Board member, P. Hennessey that building a new school would cost approximately \$120,000.00 of which 75 percent would be paid by government grants (excepting interest).

To bring the old building up to par with repairs would cost \$20,000.

In referring to another province, Mr. Runstelder, stated their schools had been centralized and administration costs had dropped considerably, and a school bus provided also.

Mr. Phillip Lafontaine had prepared a survey, not yet complete, on his own, including the number of children outside the 2 mile limit necessary for a grant, the cost of transportation, etc.

On the basis of this survey it was agreed by the majority of tax payers present, that if a school bus is provided, it would be advisable to locate the new school at the central area next to Immaculata school where more facilities are already ready.

Altar Society Plan Card Party

Plans are well underway for the St. Patrick Card Party at Sacred Heart Church.

It will be held in the church hall on Sunday, March 18th, and will be sponsored by the Ladies' Altar Society.

LaSalle Native Dies at 78

Born in LaSalle, and a resident for his entire life, Mr. Archille Bergeron died Monday at the age of 78.

In 1926 Mr. Bergeron founded Bergeron Motor Sales in LaSalle, and was connected with the business until the time of his sickness, a short while before his death.

Mr. Bergeron pioneered in providing amusement for the area in establishing a recreation hall and confectionery. For a time he was also a barber.

Mr. Bergeron's home was on No. 18 Highway, and he was a member of Sacred Heart Church.

His wife, Alma, died in 1945. He is survived by seven sons: Harvey, Norman, Aurele, Vincent and Orval of LaSalle; Louis and Roy of Huntington Park, Calif.; and 18 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren and 12 great-grand-

The Funeral was held Thursday morning from Janisse Brothers Funeral Home, where it was escorted by Sandwich West Police to Sacred Heart Church, LaSalle for Mass at 10 o'clock celebrated by Father R.

Jaycees Hold International Night

The Annual International Night dinner of the Windsor Jaycees will take place at the Elmwood Hotel on Monday, February 26th at 6:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be the Honourable Paul Martin, Q.C., M.P., for Essex East.

This International Night dinner is one of the outstanding events of the Jaycee year. Over five hundred Jaycees from Western Ontario, Michigan and Ohio are expected. Jaycees came to last year's dinner from as far away as Kentucky.

Scott Hunter, Vice-President of the Windsor Jaycees and Chairman of the International Night Committee stated "last year's event won a first place award in the National Awards Contest of the Canada Junior Chamber of Commerce and this year's International Night promises to be even better".

The Honourable Paul Martin has been Federal Minister of National Health and Welfare, Secretary and Chairman of the Canadian Delegation to the United Nations.

Forton, Father Plaissance of Montreal and Father Larriviere of River Canard.

Many friends and relatives were in attendance at the church and services at the Sacred Heart cemetery, where the township had cleared away the thick fall of snow which would have hampered the ceremony.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Frank Bergeron, Sam Bergeron, Ulysse Bergeron, Eugene Rocheleau, Albert Rocheleau, and Ernest Rocheleau.

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Consider the Residents

By R. F. STEELE

Plans are in the works to reopen, ship and pay a handsome tax into the Dayus Stadium race track on Howard avenue. Under the sponsorship of the Windsor Mac-Mac association, the Sports (Windsor) Limited plan to hold stock car racing.

The application for a license from the Township of Sandwich West brought a storm of protests from the motel owners in the vicinity. The noise is their big objection and understandably so. Who would stop at a motel quivering in the roar of unmuffled motors?

There is an example of what can be expected further along Howard avenue. The noise at the bluebird raceway is only one of many irksome aspects. It attracts many youthful speed demons who bring their race track antics onto the highway when the races finish.

The sanitation consists of an old fashion out house not in the best condition. One need not be a safety engineer to see the hazards of insufficient barricade and stands too close to the tracks. Let's be thankful that this one is out and away from the more populated areas.

The motel owners have invested a good many dollars in the town-

ship and pay a handsome tax into the bargain. The people these motels attract are desirable of the community and they bring with them their tourist dollar.

The Ontario Department of Highways is considering a proposal to widen Howard ave. If this should come about we could have another Dougall road and that's not bad.

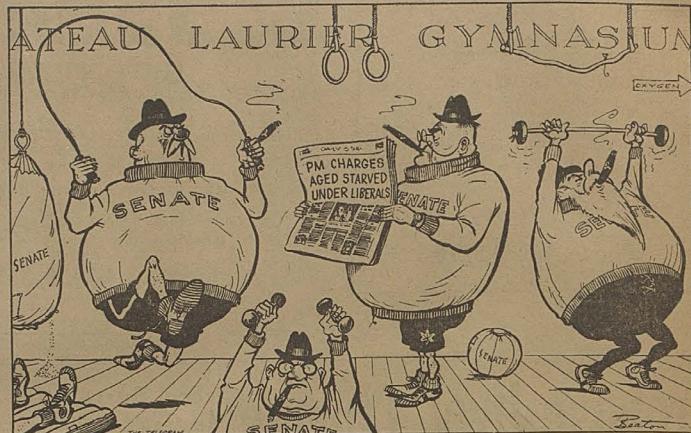
Reeve Brunet of Sandwich West recalled many complaints from the residents in the vicinity of Dayus Stadium when the stock car races were last held.

"We had a whole army of residents protesting out there one evening", he said.

Mr. Brunet has arranged for a meeting between the motel owners and the Sports Limited to clearly define the pro and cons of the matter. The residents should be included in the talks also.

The motel owners and the residents have a right to expect the council to protect the investment in residents and all businesses in the area parties and business.

Sure, we need more business in the township, but five in the tax rolls is worth more than one in the proverbial bush.



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Around the Edges

By R. F. STEELE

When annexation first took the limelight of the local news, the suburban municipalities gave out information to the city manager's office with the understanding that the resulting report would be fair and unbiased. The people were to get the true picture of what annexation would mean to them.

When the report was released the Suburbanites claimed a "double-cross". No facts and figures were given, only theories and generalizations.

The Ontario Municipal Board ordered the data released to the suburban communities and they started to wade through a mountain of reports and scraps of information on which the conclusions of the "Colter report" were based . . . and herein hangs the tale!!!

A letter was found, from the city manager's office, to all department heads of the city's administration. It concerned the estimated cost of operating the enlarged city's services. We quote, ". . . I (Mr. Colter) believe that the high estimates now submitted would place the Council in a difficult position for the support of the annexation proposal." Further on in the letter we find the statement "I would like you to understand that these estimates are not commitments to which you will be held in future years."

The letter certainly seems to substantiate the suburban charge of a double-cross. This letter, in one man's opinion, proves that the Colter report was doctored.

This being so, it would seem logical that important facts are being hidden from the public and that annexation might not be in the best interest of the people.

So let's have a plebiscite both in Windsor and the Suburbs. You can fool some of the people some of the time, BUT . . .

As the suburban roads commission are making ready their plans to extend Jefferson Avenue as a connecting link between highways 39 and 98, there is already talk of a further airport expansion. This expansion would, most likely, close Jefferson to through traffic.

If this is not enough to make the commission think twice, Riverside has objections to the plan. The council fears the residential portion of the street will be used by a large amount of through traffic.

A north-south route is badly needed but why spend money on a street that might be closed in the near future? Lauzon road is in no danger from an expanding airport. Move over, Gentlemen.

The salt mines as a fallout shelter!! Now there's a pretty sick idea. Surely the Hon. Mr. Robarts can find a project more worthy of his office.

If a bomb did come, how many would be able to reach the shelter before the explosion? The location is certainly not as central as it might be.

But if you did manage to reach it in time, how could you sustain life when you emerge? The land and foodstuffs would be contaminated and the contamination would remain for a considerable time. Water would be poisoned and the very air we breathe would be lethal.

The answer to the bomb scare is not in fallout shelters but in greater authority and power for the UN.

Out Tecumseh way a group of public spirited citizens have formed a committee to investigate the possibility of establishing a library in the Town. The committee has contacted Miss Brook of the Essex County Library Board who will explain to the group the best procedures to follow. A representative of the Department of Education will explain what government grants are available to assist the project.

A community with its own library is indeed wealthy. Every book is a veritable treasure chest of knowledge and entertainment. Every person in Tecumseh should be anxious to lend their support to this undertaking. It is time all of us left the mediocrity of TV for the excellence of good literature.

The controversial hospital report may or may not agree with your own personal ideas but the men who gave their time and effort to make this study should be commended by us all. They received no pay and little thanks for their efforts on our behalf.

The most argued point in the report seems to be whether or not 5 beds per thousand population is sufficient for our needs. Too many are better than too few.

Do the attempts of the Windsor area to attract the tourist dollar leave something to be desired? Councilman Sam Barker of Riverside thinks so and we are inclined to agree with him.

There is nothing in this county to induce the tourist to pause awhile. Our beaches and water ways are becoming increasingly inaccessible to the residents let alone the tourist. We have no sights that are distinctly ours.

When we lost the idea of a park furnished with replicas of prehistoric animals we lost many a dollar in the tourist trade.

Calgary has such a park coupled with a zoo. As a famous sight it is second only to the Stampede.

Have you noticed lately that the word socialism is being placed along side that of communism? The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has lent its full support to a drive against "Communism and Socialism". The drive is called — "Operation Freedom".

Socialism would not work in this country, in this writer's opinion, but the more accepted system hasn't done so well either. Too bad we can't find a happy medium. Somewhere between the two there must be a more workable form of government.



Sport Corner



Bowling News

Standings at the Lucky Strike Lanes in LaSalle the past week were as follows:

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Larry Hanna — 262
Joan Brown — 233

Archille Pouget — 233 - 228

Audrey Askin — 272-203-241 — 716

Judy Grondin — 209

Catherine Lenover — 206

Myrtle Brown — 210

Cecile Dunlop — 225

Robert Huntley — 214

Beth Eve — 242

SACRED HEART

Sam St. Louis — 221

Al Moore — 200

Barbara Turton — 202 - 217

Adeline Rocher — 200 - 229

Ed Forton — 227

Leo Caissie — 267

Janet Forton — 233

Madge Laporte — 245

Eileen Mireault — 221

Father Forton — 247-250-231 — 728

Bea Brisebois — 252-201 — 624

Gerry Gagne — 230-285 — 664

Eue Normand — 256 - 256 — 691

Janet Craig — 244

Rita Rovre — 212

Don Forsyth — 225

MERCHANTS

Ralph Chappuis — 201

Paul Pajot — 203

Frank Bergeron — 212

Al Marentette — 202

Ron Perrot — 209

Len Bondy — 213

ST. PAUL'S

Madelene Custance — 232

Ray Lucier — 212 - 225

Fred Anderson — 207
Joe McKenran — 230 - 230
Bonnie Renaud — 202

Toni Kulik — 236 - 211

Father Ouellette — 284

Ernie Morencie — 227 - 201

George Custance — 226 - 222

LADIES 10 PIN

Flo Laframboise — 169

Beth Rene — 154

Mary Kornacker — 152

Ann Trotter — 171

STARS — who will receive Free Games:
Audrey Askin — 272 - 5 Pin
Ann Trotter — 171 - 10 Pin
Gerry Gagne — 285 - 5 Pin
C. Mitchell (Tilbury Rec.) 234 - 10 Pin

ANDERDON VICTORS

Anderdon Tavern played host to Tilbury Rec. at Lucky Strikes. Final score was 1029 to 1011 in favour of our local boys. High score for the match were:

C. Mitchell — 204 - 234

C. O'Hara — 200

Jack McLean — 203

Frank Bergeron — 200

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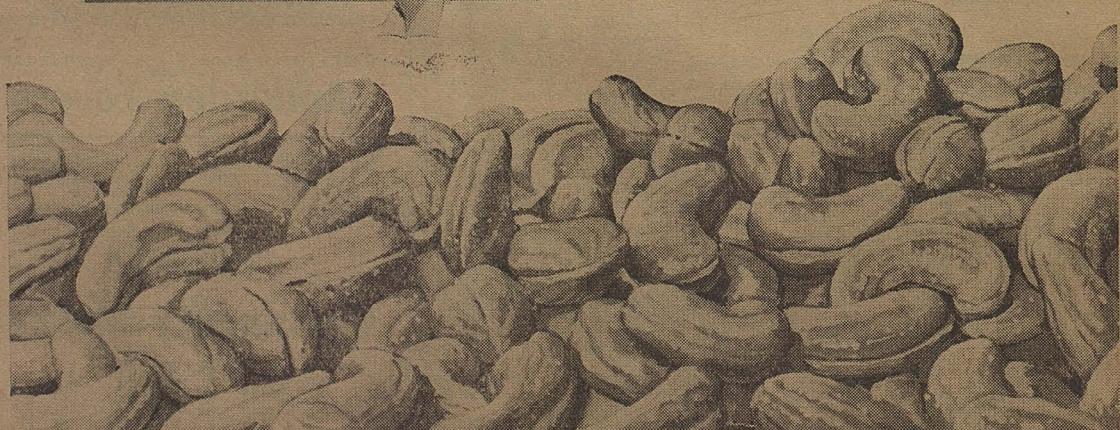
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